

Status of Central Agriculture University, Imphal

2572. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status and condition of the Central Agriculture University, Imphal, Manipur;

(b) the number of colleges affiliated to this university; and

(c) the steps taken by the Centre to develop the university?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Central Agricultural University, Imphal is a statutory body established by an act of Parliament *i.e.* Central Agricultural University Act, 992 (No. 40 of 1992). The University having its headquarter at Imphal has seven constituent colleges under its jurisdiction out of which six colleges namely College of Agriculture at Imphal, Manipur; College of Veterinary Sciences & AH., Selesih, Mizoram; College of Fisheries, Lembucherra, Agartala; College of Horticulture & Forestry, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh; College of Home Science, Tura, Meghalaya and College of Agricultural Engineering & Post Harvest Technology, Gangtok, Sikkim have already been established. The remaining one College *viz.* College of Post Graduate Studies, Barapani, Meghalaya shall be functional from the next academic session. The University is undertaking teaching, research and extension activities for development of campuses of the University in particular and North Eastern Hill Region in general. The University does not have provision of granting affiliation to any college.

(c) The University is wholly funded by the Central Government. The Centre has approved a budget outlay of Rs. 283.18 crores in X Plan for the University. The Government of India monitors and directs the University to carry out its activities according to the provisions of Act and Statutes of the University.

Promoting Bio-fertilizers

†2573. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

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